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**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02302-RC**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v.  
 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al  
 Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/05/2018  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/05/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against ALL DEFENDANTS ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5724175) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 10/05/2018)
10/05/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 10/05/2018)
10/05/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zmd) (Entered: 10/05/2018)
10/05/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 10/05/2018)
10/17/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/11/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/10/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/11/18., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE served on 10/10/2018; DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 10/11/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 10/17/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule by November 28, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/14/18. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/14/2018)
11/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 11/28/2018 (tj) (Entered: 11/21/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before December 28, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/28/18. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/29/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/28/2018 (tj) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
12/27/2018	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay <i>Joint Status Report Deadline in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
01/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>8</u> Motion to Stay: It is hereby ORDERED that this case is STAYED until appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the joint status report previously due on December 28, 2018 shall be due within 14 days after restoration of appropriations. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/25/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before March 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2/11/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 02/11/2019)

02/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/8/2019 (tj) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
02/15/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of All Defendants (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
03/08/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before May 1, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/11/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
04/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/1/2019 (tj) (Entered: 04/04/2019)